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Statement by Pakistan for the UPR of Cuba
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Mr. President,

I would like to thank H.E. Mr. Parilla, Foreign Minister of Cuba for presenting their national report.

My delegation would like to make the following recommendations:

- ✓ To continue promoting the respect for human rights, welfare and development of its people through education.
- ✓ To continue providing specialized assistance to young people.
- ✓ To develop policies to improve information infrastructure for the benefit of the Cuban society.
- ✓ To further raise the quality of education on human rights for law enforcement officials and those directly involved with inmates.
- ✓ To further intensify training of state authorities and the public in general regarding international human rights standards.
- ✓ To add more content on gender equality and human rights to master's degree and courses of officials and law enforcement officers

Mr. President,

We appreciate the excellent progress made by Cuba in the field of human rights especially in health and education. Irrespective of resource constraints due to unilateral sanctions, the efforts to provide free basic health services and enhance the capacities of doctors must be acknowledged. We, in Pakistan, deeply appreciate the work of Cuban doctors to help the survivors of the 2005 earthquake.

The education system is impressive and has produced excellent results in terms of literacy rate and research as well as sharing of education and knowledge through exchange of students with a number of countries, including Pakistan.